



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, September 15, 2021 – 12:00 p.m. | Virtual Meeting

**Attendees (23):** Julia Applegate (MBA Board) Moorestown Friends School; Victor Bobadilla, Moorestown Council Republican Candidate; Rita Bulk, Moorestown Living Magazine; Marybeth Caracci, South Jersey Driving School; Candace Coleman (MBA Board, Secretary), MoorArts; Craig Dennin (MBA Board, Vice President), Moorestown AutoBody; Irene French, Heritage Accounting & Tax Services; Nicole Gillespie, Moorestown Town Council; Kathy Hiltner (MBA Board, President), Liberty Bell Bank; Jeff (last name), Moorestown resident; Harry Lewis, Moorestown resident; Charles McCullough, McCullough MAI CPA; Annette McGuire (MBA Board), Customer Diagnostics; Vinny Napolitano, Moorestown Republican Municipal Committee; Peter News, Quaker Wealth Management; Steven Pazienza, Pazienza & Softly Business Ventures; Brittany Rought, The Sun Newspapers; Joseph Skwara, Ameriprise Financial; Dennis Talty, Law Offices of Dennis P. Talty; Bridget Wiese, Republic Bank; Eric Williams, NorthStar Technology Services; Kate Wilson, Moorestown Democratic Committee; Noam Yalon (MBA Board, Treasurer), 941 Payroll & Timekeeping.

**Call to Order:** President Kathy Hiltner called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**Minutes:** Craig Dennin made a motion, seconded by Julia Applegate, to approve the minutes from the 7/21/2021 General Membership Meeting. The motion carried.

**Welcome:** Kathy Hiltner welcomed guests and thanked all MBA Diamond and Platinum level sponsors.

### MBA Activities Update:

- **End of Summer Block Party:** Event Chair Steven Pazienza reported that the August 18 event was very well attended, and he received a lot of positive feedback. He commended the various parties that worked together to make the event a success, including the police and fire departments. Kathy Hiltner thanked Mr. Pazienza for the effort he put into chairing the event. She also noted that more volunteers are needed for this and all MBA events.
- **Autumn in Moorestown:** Event Chair Craig Dennin reported that vendor applications are now steadily coming in after a late start due to a change in the MBA's registration system. He said the car exhibition and beer/wine vendors are being lined up, and that there may be an appearance by a Mummer's string band.
- **Halloween Parade:** Event Chair Annette McGuire reported that after much deliberation, the board decided to cancel the Halloween Parade this year out of concern for the children's health.
- **Sponsors & Volunteers:** Craig Dennin encouraged attendees to consider sponsoring and volunteering for Autumn in Moorestown, the Candlelight Stroll in December, and to think about end-of-year use of budgets for 2022 MBA event sponsorships.

**Member introductions and Announcements:** Kathy Hiltner invited attendees to introduce themselves and share news and events about their organizations.

**Speaker:** Republican candidate for Town Council, Vic Bobadilla

Mr. Bobadilla shared his background with attendees and explained that the Moorestown's schools and strong sense of community are why he moved his family to the township. If elected he hopes to help simplify processes that new businesses face when they open their doors in Moorestown. Following his presentation, Mr. Bobadilla took questions from attendees.

**Notes from Town Council:** Mayor Nicole Gillespie provided current information about several topics:

- The township has awarded its first commercial liquor license to a business that will be located at the former K-Mart site.
- Council is working to get tax credits for the two slated affordable housing locations.
- Residential development at the Moorestown Mall is close to breaking ground.
- The Percheron Park project will get underway this month, but the horse statue installation has been delayed until April.

**September Membership Meetings:** Kathy Hiltner reminded members that there are two membership meetings in September (on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>) featuring the candidates for Moorestown Council. This allows both candidates to speak to the association before voting is underway. Democratic candidate for Moorestown Council, Quinton Law, will be the speaker at the September 29 meeting.

Nicole Gillespie made a motion, seconded by Marybeth Caracci, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Candace Coleman, Board Secretary*